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SUBJECT: OMAN: FOLLOW UP ON LIGHTER BAN DEMARCHE

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Econoff phoned Director General of Civil Aviation and Meteorology Sultan bin Yarub al-Saifi April 13 to determine Oman's reaction to TSA's recent lighter ban. Al-Saifi confirmed that the Omani CAA has passed along all information relating to the lighter ban to carriers operating in Oman, as well as to the Oman Airport Management Company. Although lighters are not banned on flights in Oman, al-Saifi believed it was important for all operators to know about a rule change that could affect travel plans, particularly as passengers transit Europe en route to the U.S.
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